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NICARAGUA.

*Report from Bluefields—Fruit port.*BLUEFIELDS, NICARAGUA, *October 31, 1901.*

SIR : I have to make the following report of the conditions and transactions at this port during the week ended October 31, 1901 :

Population, according to census of 1894, 3,000 ; present officially estimated population, 4,000. Number of cases and deaths from yellow fever during the week, none ; number of cases and deaths from smallpox during the week, none ; number of cases and deaths from typhus fever during the week, none ; number of cases and deaths from cholera during the week, none ; number of cases and deaths from plague during the week, none ; number of deaths from other causes during the week, 5. Prevailing diseases, mild type of malarial fever and pulmonary diseases. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, fairly good. The 5 deaths hereinabove noted were due, respectively, to malarial fever, pulmonary tuberculosis (2), valvular disease of the heart, and a stillbirth.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels : October 24, steamship *Condor* ; crew, 19 ; passengers from this port, none ; passengers in transit, none ; pieces of baggage disinfected, none. October 27, steamship *George W. Kelley* ; crew, 18 ; passengers from this port, 5 ; passengers in transit, none ; pieces of baggage disinfected, 3.

Respectfully,

WM. H. CARSON,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*BLUEFIELDS, NICARAGUA, *November 1, 1901.*

SIR : I have the honor to transmit herewith my supplemental report of transactions at this port from September 16, 1901, to and including October 31, 1901 : Number of persons vaccinated, none ; number of vessels inspected, 11 ; number of crew inspected, 213 ; number of passengers inspected, 43 ; number of pieces of baggage inspected, 53 ; number of pieces of baggage disinfected, 53. These vessels, without exception, were fruit carriers from this port to New Orleans, La. From September 15, 1901, to October 3, 1901, inclusive, there have been 26 deaths at this port and in its immediate vicinity ; none due to contagious or infectious disease, but mainly the result of malarial fever and gastrointestinal disorders.

Respectfully,

WM. H. CARSON,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

PORTO RICO.

*Report from Ponce.*PONCE, P. R., *October 28, 1901.*

SIR : Through the chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico, I have the honor to transmit herewith the quarantine and abstract of bills of health reports for the week ended October 26, 1901. During the week 2 vessels were inspected and passed, and 6 bills of health were issued, and

nothing of special interest has occurred in quarantine lines. The rainy season continues causing a high percentage of malaria cases and the so-called "grip" cases. No infectious or quarantinable diseases are reported.

Respectfully,

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

W. W. KING,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Inspection of immigrants at Ponce during the week ended October 26, 1901.

PONCE, P. R., October 28, 1901.

SIR: Through the chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico, I submit herewith report of alien steerage passengers arriving at this port during the week ended October 26, 1901: October 20, German steamship *Che-ruska*, from Hamburg, Antwerp, St. Thomas, with 6 immigrants. October 24, Spanish steamship *Juan Forgas*, from Barcelona, Valencia, Malaga, Cadiz, Canaries, San Juan, P. R., and Mayaguez, with 4 immigrants. Total, 10.

Respectfully,

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

W. W. KING,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Inspection of immigrants at San Juan and subports during the week ended October 26, 1901.

SAN JUAN, P. R., October 29, 1901.

SIR: I submit herewith report of alien steerage passengers arriving at this port during the week ended October 26, 1901.

Date.	Vessel.	Where from.	No. of immigrants.
Oct. 20	Provisional flag steamship <i>Julia</i>	Cuban and Dominican ports.....	8
Oct. 21	Spanish steamship <i>Juan Forgas</i>	Barcelona, Valencia, Malaga, Cadiz, Las Palmas, Teneriffe, and La Palma.	2
Oct. 25	Spanish steamship <i>Pio IX</i>	Genoa, Marseilles, Barcelona, Mallorca, Valencia, Torrevieja, Malaga, Cadiz, Las Palmas, and Teneriffe.	2
	Total		12

Respectfully,

H. S. MATHEWSON,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,
Chief Quarantine Officer for Porto Rico.

SAN JUAN, P. R., October 29, 1901.

SIR: I submit herewith report of alien steerage passengers arriving during the week ended October 26, 1901, at subports of Porto Rico. October 23, Spanish steamship *Juan Forgas*, from Barcelona, Valencia, Malaga, Cadiz, Las Palmas, Teneriffe, La Palma, San Juan, P. R., with 1 immigrant.

Respectfully,

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

H. S. MATHEWSON,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.
Chief Quarantine Officer for Porto Rico.